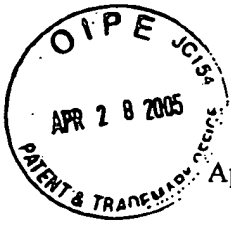


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Applicant : Otvos  
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Mail Stop Amendment  
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action, made final, and dated December 27, 2004. This paper is being filed concurrently with a Petition to extend the time for response for one (1) month, from March 27, 2005 to April 27, 2005 and an extension fee of \$60.00 under 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1).

Please enter the following amendments and remarks, which are believed to comply with all requirements of form and place the application in condition for allowance. In the alternative, please kindly enter these amendments which place the application in better form for appeal.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this date: April 26, 2005

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